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Gardens

INFORMATION

Order early, by so doing you will be assured of getting the varieties wanted as the demand for some varieties exceeds the supply.

Tubers shipped postpaid at the proper planting time unless otherwise requested.

Guaranteed true to name in good growing condition.
Cultural directions sent with each order.

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The different varieties are abbreviated as follows: Decorative, Dec., Cactus, C.; Hybrid Cactus, H. C., Show, S.; Peony, P.

R. O. SHARP

Vandalia

Illinois

TIMELY HINTS ON THE GROWING OF DAHLIAS

Plant in an open sunny location if possible. Prepare the soil by deep digging, at the same time working in a quantity of well rotted manure.

Do not water when planting the tuber or tubers. Neither should they be planted in wet soil.

Lay the tuber flat on its side and cover with four or five inches of soil. When the plant shows above the surface, start cultivating and continue each week thereafter. This permits maximum growth and the loose soil forms a mulch which helps to keep moisture in. Tubers should be planted at least three feet apart each way.

In about six weeks make a light application of well rotted stable or cow manure or, a good commercial fertilizer such as, Sacco, Vigoro, or Loma, being very careful not to allow it to come into contact with the plant.

Water then may be applied each week or ten days but water thoroughly, otherwise the small feeder roots will grow to the surface with results which would possibly be disappointing by poor flowers. After each watering, the soil should be worked as soon as it is in condition.

When the plants show buds keep all off except the center one (of each branch). There are usually three buds at the tip of each branch. Pinch out the two side buds and also the side branches or laterals for two or three pairs of leaves down. This will result in very nice stems and give you larger blooms.

Keep all withered flowers cut off the plant and you should have plenty of blooming season.

After frost kills the plant cut off four or five inches above surface. Dig very carefully to avoid breaking the necks of the tubers for a tuber with a broken neck is worthless. Store the clumps in a frost proof cellar packed in dry sand or moss, or cover well with old newspapers to prevent shriveling and drying out.

In the spring the clumps should be divided with one or two eyes showing on each crown. The eyes will be found on the old stalk, so be sure to leave part of it on the divisions.

HOW TO ORDER

It would be well for each purchaser to make more than one choice as stock sometimes gets low before the later orders reach me.

In no case will I substitute unless you specify substitution in your order.

For those who are not familiar with the names I will fill your orders with stock, to the amount sent, no two alike and all properly labeled.

TERMS OF BUSINESS

Cash must accompany orders or satisfactory references given.

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- shading to old gold at base of petals. A fine grower carrying blooms high on excellent stems 1.00
- Dec. Eleanor Martin**—Size 9x5, a mammoth flower on extra fine stems. Color mulberry rose suffused with gold50
- Dec. Elite Glory**—Size 10x4, a giant red. Flowers of heavy substance and regular form carried on fine stems 1.00
- Dec. El-Rey**—Size 10x5, a very rich golden salmon flower. This is a gold medal winner. In form, similar to Jersey Beace 3.00
- S. C. E. F. T. Smith**—Size 7x4, a large white shading lemon yellow at base of petals. Stems are long and cane stiff50
- Dec. Ellinor Vandever**—Size 8x4, color bright rose pink, splendid stems50
- I. D. Eagle Rock Fantasy**—Size 10x4, a clear mallow pink on extra fine stems. A marvel of the dahlias. Each 15.00
- S. C. Emma Marie**—Size 7½x3, a clear pink with creamy white center. A good cutting and exhibition bloom. Stems long and stiff 1.00
- I. D. Eva Quadling**—Size 9x4, a new and popular red. A coming commercial variety 3.00
- S. C. Elite Moonlight**—Size 9x5, white shaded and tinted lavender. Stems are excellent. Each 4.00
- I. D. Elite Sunset**—Size 10x4, color a golden center shading to a rosy salmon. Stems are fine 5.00
- I. D. Fordhook Victory**—Size 8x4, full centered flowers of silvery tyrian rose. A fine garden variety 1.00
- I. D. Fort Monmouth**—Size 11x4, a rich claret with unusual brightness in the darker tones. A consistent prize winner 2.50
- Dec. Fort Washington**—Size 10x4, a dark mahogany red of best exhibition qualities. Flowers held high on fine stiff stems50
- H. C. Francesca**—Size 10x5, an odd and original shade in dahlias. Best as a tanned old rose with distinct violet suffusions 1.50
- S. C. Francis Lebdell**—Size 7x4, a mallow pink shading to a white center. A free and early bloomer50
- Cac. F. W. Fellows**—Size 8x5, a lively orange scarlet flower petals tightly quilled held on excellent stems 1.00
- H. C. Gladys Sherwood**—Size 10x5, long loosely arranged petals of a clear glistening white. Fine stems and a free bloomer70
- Dec. Glory of Argonne**—Size 7x3½. A delicate violet rose shading to white at center. Fine stems and a profuse bloomer75
- Dec. Glory of Monmouth**—Size 8x5, a beautiful salmon pink with light orange at center. Flower is of heavy substance on fine long stems75
- Dec. Grace Ricords**—Size 7x4½. White tipped and suffused lavender petals numerous and cleft 1.00
- Dec. Graf Zeppelin**—Size 6x4, a pure white of the Jersey Beauty family. A roll of honor dahlia and holding certificate of the American Dahlia Society 3.50
- Dec. Harry Mayer**—Size 9x4, color a wonderful sil-

very pink with a rose pink reverse. A sturdy and compact bush	1.00
Dec. Heart of Gold —Size 8x4, a golden yellow center with outer petals suffused rose. A wonderful combination .....	.75
Dec. Ida Perkins —Size 8x4, the finest white dahlia in existence. A prize winner wherever shown	2.50
Dec. Ivey's Choice —White overlaid rich salmon pink	1.00
I. D. Jane Cowl —Size 10x5, a warm buff and gold shading to apricot and rose at center. Holds American Dahlia Society certificate of merit. You will want this one	1.00
S. Jean Kerr —Size 5x4, a pure glistening white ball shaped flower on fine stems .....	.50
Dec. Jersey's Beacon —Size 9x4, bright scarlet of beautiful form and free and continuous bloomer on fine stems	1.00
Dec. Jersey's Beauty —Size 6x4, everyone knows this remarkable pink dahlia. Its form and keeping qualities make all one could desire .....	.50
Dec. Jersey's Gem —Size 8x4, large well formed flowers on long perfect stems. A beautiful lavender pink .....	.75
Dec. Jersey's Sovereign —Size 7½x4, a salmon orange and buff. A good grower and an early bloomer.....	.50
Dec. Jessie Seal —Size 8x4, a wonderful shade of clear old rose. Long erect stems. A fine all purpose dahlia .....	.50
F. D. Judge Leon McCord —Size 11x6, an enormous regular formed flower of deep gold, reverse old gold stems perfect and a long keeper when cut	7.50
Dec. Judge Marean —Size 7x4, a beautiful blending of yellow, gold and orange with an edge of red. Stems are fine .....	.50
Dec. J. L. Childs —Size 7x4, yellow overlaid with red. A wonderful combination. Fine stems and a good cutter .....	.75
S. C. Joppa —Size 6x3, gold and rose suffused salmon rose .....	.75
Dec. Judge A. B. Parker —Size 7x4, a fine large bronze flower, stem fine .....	.50
Dec. Kalif —Size 9x4, a rich strawberry red or carmen. An old favorite and a fine cut flower on excellent stems .....	.50
I. D. Kathleen Norris —Size 10x5. This is a true rose pink deepening to mallow pink as the bloom develops. The foliage is dark green and leathery making it insect resistant	5.00
Dec. Katherine Donges —Size 8x3½. A clear sulphur yellow on long stiff stems. A vigorous grower and the best of its color .....	.75
Dec. Kitty Dunlop —Size 8x4, a fine lavender pink keeping perfect form the entire season. A fine cut flower .....	.35
Show. King of Shows , a large golden orange carried on wonderful stems .....	.50
I. D. King Midas —Size 12x6, about the most popular golden yellow dahlia today. It holds a full high center throughout the season. Stems are perfect ...	3.00
S. C. Lewis, Jr. —A blue ribbon winner carried on long	

- stems. The color a rich deep velvety red. Reverse violet blue 1.00
- I. D. La Toreador**—Size 7x4, a rich cardinal red carried on fine stems well above the foliage. A good cutting variety50
- S. C. Merrick**—Size 8x3, rich mahogany edged lighter. Flower carried high on cane stiff stems. Fine for cutting 1.00
- Dec. Myrah Valentine**—Size 7x3½, very large beautiful golden bronze of fine form carried on fine long stems50
- Dec. Mabel Thatcher**—Size 7x4, a large pale yellow carried on stiff stems50
- S. C. MacGregor**—Size 10x5, flowers large and full on long upright stems. Color spectrum red shading lighter toward the center base of petals clean lemon yellow. One of the first to bloom and continuing profuse throughout the season75
- Dec. Monmouth Champion**—Size 12x4, a 1930 introduction of great merit. Color rich orange flame. One of the finest, largest and most brilliantly colored dahlias yet originated 5.00
- S. C. Mariposa**—Size 8x4, a true flower intensified and suffused with faint violet. A dwarf plant making exceptionally long stems 1.00
- Dec. Marmion**—Size 9x5. A rich golden yellow suffused with bronze toward the center. This is a wonderful flower carried above the plant, extra fine stems75
- S. C. Miss Longview**—Size 10x5, color canary yellow and jasper red with outer petals of soft salmon. Stems are all that could be desired and it is a continuous and profuse bloomer 2.50
- Dec. Millionaire**—Size 9x5, a good old standard variety. Color white overlaid with a faint lavender pink... .50
- Dec. Mina Burgle**—Size 8x4, a rich cardinal red. One of the older varieties and good too. A good keeper when cut50
- Dec. Mme. Barbanson**—Size 10x5, a Belgian decorative recently imported. Color salmon veined bronze on fine long upright stems 1.50
- Dec. Mme. Deisney**—Size 7x4, a French importation. Color a lively rose pink covered with a silvery sheen. It is carried on wonderful stems 1.00
- I. D. Mrs. Alfred B. Seal**—Size 10x5, a pure glowing old rose shading to violet rose. One of the best of the recent California dahlias 5.00
- Dec. Mrs. Baldwin**—Size 8x4, a wonderful rosy magenta. Stems inclined to be slightly pendant50
- Dec. Mrs. J. T. Scheepers**—Size 9x4. Canary yellow slightly suffused pink on outer edge of petals. A fine keeper when cut. Stems are fine50
- Dec. Mrs. Carl Salbach**—Size 7x4, a beautiful mauve pink shading to white at center. Stems are extra fine35
- Dec. Mrs. I. De Ver Warner**—Size 9x4, one of the finest and largest lavender pink cutting dahlias in existence. Stems long and straight50
- S. C. My Maryland**—Size 9x5, a gold medal dahlia. A large handsome lavender and pink flower shad-

ing cream. Stems are straight and long	2.50
Dec. Mr. Crowley —Size 7x4, an exquisite salmon pink shade carried on excellent stems. A free bloomer...	.75
Dec. Mrs. Hugo Kind —Size 7x4, a rich glowing red of fine form carried on good long stems .....	.35
S. C. Ninfea —Size 8x4. A soft lavender pink shading to creamy white at center. An early and profuse bloomer on excellent stems .....	.50
S. C. Nichu —Size 8x4, a very large sulphur yellow dahlia always full to the center. A profuse bloomer carried on fine long stems .....	.75
Dec. Ophir —Size 8x4, a rich old gold shading to amber on fine stems and a profuse bloomer .....	.75
Dec. Our Country — A fine exhibition novelty purple and white. Very large on fine stems	1.00
Dec. Oyster Bay Beauty —Size 9x4, a wonderful dark red flower carried on fine stems. A strong grower and a profuse bloomer .....	.75
Dec. Our Country —Size 9x4, a recent introduction of great merit. A bright glowing red tipped and edged white. Said by originator never to throw solid colors. Stems are fine	1.00
Dec. Pappillon —8x3½ light golden yellow suffused old rose. A profuse bloomer carried on fine stems.....	.75
Dec. Paul Michael —Size 9x4, an immense flower of bright apricot and bronze on good stems. A fine exhibition variety .....	.75
Dec. Pride of California —Size 6x4, a fine old standard red flower that will last when cut. Has fine stems	.35
Dec. Purple Manitou —Size 5x4, a large clear purple on fine stems. A beautiful dahlia that must be seen to be appreciated .....	.25
I. D. Queen of the Garden Beautiful —Size 10x4, one of the largest flowers under cultivation. Color clear primrose yellow and massive. This dahlia was originated in the famous San Quentin prison gardens in California	1.00
Dec. Radio —Size 10x5, a blood red dahlia tipped with yellow and without a doubt the best dahlia of its kind ever originated	1.00
Dec. Regal —Size 10x5, color bronze heavily suffused old rose shading to gold at base of petals	3.00
S. C. Robert E. Lee —Size 8½x4, a bright luminous cardinal red reflex lighter. Never has been beaten on the exhibition table. A gold medal winner	7.50
I. D. Robert H. Groff —Size 9x5, a soft lilac rose much larger and finer than its parent attraction. A prize winner wherever shown	2.50
I. D. Rodman Wanamaker —Size 9x5, the buds upon opening are a pale yellow changing later to a bronzy salmon pink. Stems are fine and it is a profuse bloomer	1.00
Dec. Robert Treat —Size 8x4, the only true American Beauty colored dahlia. An excellent free bloomer carried on long strong stems.....	.75
Dec. Roman Eagle —Size 9x4. This plant produces brilliant burnished copper flowers on extra fine stems	1.00

Dec. Richelieu —Size 8x4, a rich velvety dark red and it feels like it looks. Stems are cane stiff and hold the flower well above the foliage	2.50
Dec. Rose Fallon —Size 8x4, a beautiful pink and autumn colored flower. Stems are fine and bear the folwers high above the plant .....	.75
Show. Rose Queen —Another fine rose colored show dahlia. A perfect ball .....	.50
Dec. Sagamore —Size 7x3½. Amber gold lightly suffused salmon pink and orange buff. Stems are all one could wish for .....	.75
Dec. Sanhican's Monarch —Size 9x5, a deep Tyrian rose at center shading lighter at tips. Stems are long and stiff as canes. An exhibition dahlia .....	.75
Dec. Salbach's White —Size 7x3, a fine long stemmed white dahlia that stands cutting well	1.00
Show. Silver Quarta —White overlaid a silvery pink or mauve .....	.75
Dec. Somerset —Size 8x4½, salmon and old rose varying sometimes with weather conditions. This won high scores in the trials	1.50
Dec. Spotswood Beauty —Size 8x4, color pink blending in a pleasing way to a yellow at base of petals, fine form on long stiff stems	2.00
Cac. Springfield —Size 4x3, A cerise pink overlaid salmon. An all round florist's dahlia .....	.25
Cac. Standard Bearer —A rich fiery red and an excellent cut flower variety .....	.50
I. D. Talisman —Size 8x4, a rich cardinal red tipped golden yellow, reverse yellow and the petals twist in such a manner as to bring both colors to the fore .....	.75
S. C. Tanforan —Size 7x4, a clear blood red dahlia carried on fine stem .....	.35
Dec. Thomas A. Edison —Size 9x4, royal purple. A strong grower carried on first class stems. Plant is of medium height	7.50
Dec. The World —Size 9x4½, color deep rosy magenta overlaid garnet. Tips of petals silver. A very unusual dahlia	2.50
Dec. Treasure Island —Size 9x5, bright apricot with gold and rose suffused. A splendid flower on fine long stiff stems	4.00
Peony Dec. U. S. A. —Size 8x4, a pure golden orange that must be seen to be appreciated. An old favorite .....	.75
Dec. Venus —Size 7x4. A good cutting dahlia of a pale lilac. Form is fine carried on long stems ...	.35
Show Vivian —Size 5x4. A huge ball of snow lightly shaded pink. Stems are fine .....	.25
Dec. Wizard of Oz —Size 9x4, amber pink shaded salmon. A free bloomer carried on long rigid stems..	1.00
Dec. Wm. H. Hogan —Size 8x4, garnet red tipped white an exhibition dahlia carried on very good stems...	1.50
Dec. Yankee King —A high score dahlia of exceptional merit. Strawberry pink with rose red reverse... <i>(Red)</i>	1.75
Dec. Zeus —Size 9x5, a wonderful rich with each petal tipped yellow. A monster flower without a trace of heaviness. A free and continuous bloomer on excellent stems	2.00

